

Wednesday, October 18, 1995

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S15261–S15295

Measures Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1330–1334. **Page S15290**

Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 927, to seek international sanctions against the Castro government in Cuba, and to plan for support of a transition government leading to a democratically elected government in Cuba, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

Helms (for Bradley) Amendment No. 2930 (to Amendment No. 2936), to make limited exceptions to restrictions on assistance for the independent states of the former Soviet Union imposed by the bill. **Pages S15282–83**

Pending:

Dole Amendment No. 2898, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S15277–78, S15282–87**

Helms Amendment No. 2936 (to Amendment No. 2898), to strengthen international sanctions against the Castro government and to support for a free and independent Cuba. **Pages S15278, S15282–85**

Simon Modified Amendment No. 2934 (to Amendment No. 2936), to protect the constitutional right of Americans to travel to Cuba. **Pages S15284–85**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 491), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to close further debate on Amendment No. 2898, listed above. **Pages S15277–78**

Ashcroft Amendment No. 2915 (to Amendment No. 2898), to express the sense of the Senate regarding consideration of a constitutional amendment to limit congressional terms, was ruled nongermane and thus fell. **Pages S15277–78**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto. **Page S15294**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, October 19, 1995.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Nina Gershon, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Barbara S. Jones, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

John Thomas Marten, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—491) **Page S15278**

Recess: Senate convened at 12 noon and recessed at 3:54 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, October 19, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on pages S15294–95.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATURAL DISASTER PROTECTION AND INSURANCE ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1043, to provide for an expanded Federal program of hazard mitigation, relief, and insurance against the risk of

catastrophic natural disasters, such as hurricanes, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions, after receiving testimony from Charles Quackenbush, California Department of Insurance, Sacramento; Jack Weber, Natural Disaster Coalition, Scott Hoffman, Americans for Tax Reform, and Jordan Clark, United Homeowners Association, all of Washington, D.C.; James R. Klagholz, Independent Insurance Agents of America, Seaside Park, New Jersey; David Keating, National Taxpayers Union, Alexandria, Virginia; R.D. Paulison, Metro-Dade Fire Rescue Department, Miami, Florida, on behalf of the International Association of Fire Chiefs; Rebecca Quinn, Water Resources Administration, Annapolis, Maryland, on behalf of the Association of State Floodplain Managers, Inc.; and Dale W. Shipley, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, Columbus.

AMATEUR SPORTS ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce and Tourism concluded oversight hearings on the implementation of the Amateur Sports Act of 1978 (P.L. 95-606), after receiving testimony from former Representative Tom McMillen, on behalf of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports; Norma V. Cantu, Assistant Secretary of Education for Civil Rights; LeRoy T. Walker, Durham, North Carolina, and Richard Schultz, Colorado Springs, Colorado, both on behalf of the United States Olympic Committee; G. Andrew Fleming, 1996 Atlanta Paralympic Games, Washington, D.C.; A.D. Frazier, Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, Atlanta, Georgia; Edward Burke, Community-Based/Armed Forces Council, Los Gatos, California; Bobby Dodd, Amateur Athletic Union, Indianapolis, Indiana; Jeff Darman, Road Runners Club of America, and L. Richard Rader, Sport of Pentathlon, both of Arlington, Virginia; Peter Westbrook, Peter Westbrook Foundation, on behalf of the United States Olympic Committee Athlete's Advisory Council, and Alpha Alexander, Young Womens Christian Association of the USA, both of New York, New York; Gary Johansen, United States Olympic Committee Membership and Credentials Committee, Cedar Grove, New Jersey; Melanie Genung, U.S.A. National Karate-do Federation, Seattle, Washington; William Hybl, U.S. Figure Skating Association, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Donna Lopiano, Women's Sports Foundation, East Meadow, New York; and Peggy Bradley Doppus, National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators, Greensboro, North Carolina.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Finance: Committee continued in evening session to review certain spending reductions

and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 67, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Jim Sasser, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, after the nominee further testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

PROPERTY RIGHTS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on S. 605, to establish a uniform and more efficient Federal process for protecting property owners' rights guaranteed by the fifth amendment, after receiving testimony from Senators Chafee, Leahy, and Shelby; Joseph L. Sax, Counselor to the Secretary of the Interior; Keith W. Eckel, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, Camp Hill, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Merrily Pierce, Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations, McLean, Virginia; Jonathan H. Adler, Competitive Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Richard G. Wilkins, Brigham Young University Law School, Provo, Utah.

RUBY RIDGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Government Information resumed hearings to examine certain Federal law enforcement actions with regard to the 1992 incident at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, receiving testimony from Larry Potts, Assistant Director, Criminal Investigation Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Jamie S. Gorelick, Deputy Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

EMERGING INFECTIONS

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee held hearings to examine the threat and risk of certain old and new infectious diseases on the nation's health, receiving testimony from David Satcher, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Robert E. Shope, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston; James W. LeDuc and David L. Heymann, both of the World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland; Donald J. Krogstad, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, New Orleans, Louisiana; Michael T. Osterholm, Minnesota Department of Health, Minneapolis; Margaret A. Hamburg, New York City Department of Health, New York, New York; and Jerome O. Klein, Boston University School of Medicine, and Allen C. Steere,

Tufts University School of Medicine, both of Boston, Massachusetts.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 2492–2506; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 114 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 117, to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 to prevent persons having drug and alcohol use problems from occupying dwelling units in public housing projects designated for occupancy by elderly families, amended (H. Rept. 104–281); and

H. Res. 238, providing for consideration of H.R. 2425, Medicare Preservation Act of 1995 (H. Rept. 104–282).

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Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during the proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, the Judiciary, National Security, Resources, Science, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans Affairs, and Select Intelligence.

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Fisheries Conservation and Management Act: By a yea-and-nay vote of 388 yeas to 37 nays, Roll No. 720, the House passed H.R. 39, to amend the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act to improve fisheries management.

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Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Agreed To:

The Young of Alaska en bloc amendment that makes numerous technical corrections and provides that regional councils may impose fees on fishing vessels in order to cover the costs of placing “observers” aboard fishing vessels if they are required; requires that if observers are needed in fisheries governed under an individual transferrable quota (ITQ) system fishery, they be present at a level that insures “statistically significant” enforcement of catch quotas; and requires fish proceeding vessels in ITQ fisheries carry enough observers to ensure the vessels are monitored 24 hours per day;

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The Young of Alaska amendment that allows the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to contract out for assessments of fishery stocks;

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The Studds amendment that ensures that current restrictions on the sale and transportation of undersized lobsters are maintained;

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The Miller of California amendment that requires regional fishery management councils, in developing fishery management plans, take into account the historic participation of local community-based fishing fleets in the fishery and provide for the sustained participation of those fleets and communities;

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The Farr of California amendment that requires regional fishery management councils to include in their fishery management plans measures that would minimize to the extent practicable any adverse impact of fishing on essential fish habitat (agreed to by a recorded vote of 251 yeas to 162 nays, Roll No. 717);

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The Metcalf amendment that prohibits the Commerce Department or regional fishery management councils from modifying any existing ITQ system for a fishery;

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The Underwood amendment that authorizes the negotiation of agreements that permit foreign interests to fish within the 200-mile exclusive economic zones of the United States Pacific insular territories;

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The Gilcrest amendment that modifies the definition of “optimum yield” in order to prohibit regional fishery management councils from allowing a fish stock to be harvested at a rate that exceeds the maximum sustainable yield for that fishery (agreed to by a recorded vote of 304 yeas to 113 nays, Roll No. 718);

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The Traficant amendment that expresses the sense on Congress that to the greatest extent possible all equipment and products purchased with funds made available by the bill be American-made;

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The Goss amendment that strikes provisions that would prevent the Commerce Department from requiring shrimp fishermen to use devices which would reduce incidental killing of non-target species